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SUBJECT: NSCT REQUESTS INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR

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- 1. NATIONAL STUDENT CENTER OF THAILAND DELEGATION REPORTED REFTEL RETURNED TO EMBASSY MARCH 11 AND DELIVERED A LETTER REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE AMBASSADOR MARCH 12 TO DISCUSS U.S. MILITARY REDUCTIONS IN THAIL ND.
- 2. WE ARE REPLYING BY LETTER MARCH 11 TO CHIRACHAI MARUKPITAK, DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MATIONAL STUDENT CENTER OF THAILAND. BEGIN TEXT DEAR MR. CHIRACHAI: I ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH YOU ON MARCH 4 AND TRUST THAT YOU HAVE BY NOW RECEIVED MY LETTER DATED MARCH 5 COMMENTING FURTHER ON SOME OF THE POINTS YOU RAISED. PARA I UNDERSTAND YOU VISITED THE EMBASSY DURING THE LUNCH HOUR ON MARCH 11 AND LEFT A LETTER REQUESTING FURTHER DISCUSSION. I REGRET THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE UNCLASSIFIED

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IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THIS EMBASSY TO ENGAGE IN FURTHER

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON A MATTER CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BETWEEN THE GOVZRNMENTS OF THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES. UPON CONCLUSION OF THESE CONSULTATIONS, THE DECISIONS REACHED WILL BE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED. PARA WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A COPY OF A MEMORANDUM SIGNED BY YOU DATED MARCH 11 WHICH HAS APPARENTLY BEEN DISSEMINATED TO THE THAI PRESS AND PERHAPS TO STUDENT GROUPS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. I WISH ONCE AGAIN TO DENY CATEGORICALLY THE COMMENT IN YOUR MEMORANDUM THAT THE UNITED STATES IS IN ANY WAY CREATING INCIDENTS OR INTERFERING IN THAILAND'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL ACTIVITY. WE DISCUSSED THIS DURING YOUR VISIT TO THE EMBASSY AND I ALSO COMMENTED ON THESE ALLEGATIONS IN SOME DETAIL IN

MY LAST LETTER. I WISH ONCE

AGAIN TO ASSURE YOU THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION. PARA I SHOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM TO YOU THAT OUR ON-GOING TALKS WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ARE BEING PURSUED IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS MARKED THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES FOR SO MANY YEARS. SINCERELY. SIGNED/THOMAS F. CONLONG, COUNSELLOR OF EMBASSY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

3. WE ARE ALSO RELEASING TEXT OF OUR REPLY TO PRESS. WHITEHOUSE

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